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DOUGLAS PARTY VISITING GLOBE

Professor James Douglas Interviewed, Talks of the Consolidation.

NO FOUNDATION FOR RUMORS

No Change of Management Here Being Considered. No Offer Has Been Made for the G. V., G. & N. Railroad, and the El Paso and S. W. Will Not Be Extended.

The special train bringing Prof. James Douglas and party to Globe arrived at 8:35 this morning. In the party are Professor Douglas, president of the Phelps-Dodge companies; his daughter, Miss Douglass; Dr. L. D. Ricketts, chief expert and consulting engineer, and Mr. Lee, smelter superintendent of the Copper Queen company. F. W. Hoar, superintendent of the Old Dominion, was also with the party, having joined them at Bowie on his way home from Phoenix.

The editor of the SILVER BELT was fortunate in obtaining an interview with Professor Douglas during the run from the station to the end of the track opposite the Buffalo smelter, where the special will remain during the stay of the party here.

Professor Douglas said that the visit was for the purpose of inspecting the United Globe and Old Dominion properties and that the party would remain here for that purpose until next Monday. In regard to the proposed consolidation, he had received no information from Boston since he left the east, at which time more than one-half of the Old Dominion shares had been deposited. He felt satisfied that no serious interference from the opposition to the merger plan was to be apprehended, and thought that if there was any likelihood of failure he would have been advised.

As to the statement credited to Mr. Fitzgerald, of Boston, that the United Globe mines were of little value, Professor Douglas said he did not deem it necessary to make reply. While the report of John A. Church might be so construed, yet he thought the management of the United Globe were better qualified to pass on the value of their property.

Probably the best evidence of the value of the United Globe property is the amount of ore blocked out in the several mines, which Professor Douglas states could easily furnish 300 tons daily, the amount of ore which it was proposed to ship to the Douglas reduction works upon their completion. Now that the consolidation is to take place, ore shipments to Douglas will not be so large.

The professor said there was no truth whatever in the report published in the Los Angeles Herald that Phelps, Dodge & Co. had made President Wm. Garland an offer for his railroad, accompanied by an ultimatum that if he refused to sell they would parallel the G. V., G. & N. The relations existing between the El Paso & Southwestern and the Southern Pacific are friendly, and there is no desire on the part of Phelps, Dodge & Co. to disturb those relations.

Professor Douglas thinks it is the intention of the Santa Fe company to continue the Phoenix & Eastern from Dudleyville up the Gila and on to a connection with their southern line at Deming, N. M., in which event they will almost certainly build a branch to Globe from San Carlos.

The rumor published by the Bisbee Review that C. C. Warner, foreman of the Copper Queen, was slated for appointment to the position of superintendent of the consolidated properties here, is entirely unfounded. Professor said that the question had not yet been considered and that there will be no change of management here for some time, at least until after the consolidation has been completed.

President Smith of the Old Dominion has deferred his visit to Globe until after Thanksgiving and will probably remain in Boston for the stockholders' meeting, announced in our dispatches to take place November 28.

In regard to the outlook for the copper industry, Professor Douglas thinks it favorable. There are no large stocks of the metal in producers' hands and prices should be well maintained.

The directors of the United Verde Copper company have declared a regular monthly dividend of 75 cents per share.

LARGE DEPOSITS OF STOCK

Opposition to the Merger Melting Away. Over 125,000 Shares Deposited.

SPECIAL TO THE ARIZONA SILVER BELT:

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 19.—Deposits of Old Dominion stock to about 120,000 shares, of which one thousand shares have been deposited since last Monday. The time for receiving stock by the National Shawmut bank has been extended until Saturday, November 28, and between three thousand and four thousand shares have been promised before the time for depositing expires.

A special meeting of stockholders to ratify the agreement has been called for Monday, November 30.

The trading in Old Dominion on the Boston stock exchange has been very limited, and the price of stock has remained stationary at 8 1/2 @ 9. There has been a gradual hardening in the general list of copper shares, and today the market is very strong. Copper Range, which continues to be largely dealt in, has advanced from 43 1/2, and closed today at 44 1/2 @ 45.

ARIZONA COMMERCIAL CO.

Two Offers Made for the Property and One for Controlling Interest.

In regard to the Arizona Commercial stockholders' meeting that was held yesterday, to vote an increase in capitalization from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 (par \$10), or, as an alternate proposition, to sell the property, N. L. Amster is quoted by a Boston paper as saying:

"The company has had an offer from Mr. Woy, a banker of Arizona, which would net \$700,000 cash for the property."

"At a directors' meeting held in New York October 28, a resolution to ask the stockholders for authority to sell their property was passed, but so far as I know nothing has yet been done in the matter. From late reports from the mine I gather that there is at least \$1,500,000 worth of ore in sight. Increasing the capital to \$2,000,000 to obtain funds for the erection of a smelting plant would be a favorable move. There are Boston parties who stand ready to take a part of the new stock and put \$175,000 into the company's treasury."

"However, there may be no need of Arizona Commercial building a smelter if Old Dominion's present plans prevail. With Old Dominion putting up such a large smelter, Arizona Commercial could probably obtain favorable terms on account of the fluxing quality of its ore."

"There are only 88,000 shares of Arizona Commercial stock at present outstanding. The company has no debts and has spent on the property during the past two years more than \$85,000."

We learn from W. S. Sultan, superintendent of the Arizona Commercial company, that the offer of Judge Woy of Tempe, was probably made for the Tharsis Sulphur & Copper company, or else Judge Woy and the Tharsis company are mutually interested. Phelps, Dodge & Co. have also made an offer for the property.

Mr. Amster has formed a pool and submitted an offer to purchase the new stock, or so much of it as may be necessary to give the pool control of the company.

LOCAL MINING NOTES

James P. Faul is spending the week in town, having returned from the "Joe Dandy" group of copper claims, situated one and a half miles from the upper San Carlos coal field, on which he and his son Joe have been doing the assessment work. The lead on the Joe Dandy group carries a ten inch pay streak of glance and sulphide ore running as high as 80 per cent in copper. Joe Faul is moving camp to the Ocean group of 13 claims in Hawk canyon, owned by H. C. Hitchcock and J. P. Faul, and the latter will join his son there next Saturday. The Ocean group is very promising, showing considerable high-grade copper.

E. G. Pemberton, clerk for Supt. A. C. Sieboth, who returned Tuesday from the Arizona Hancock property, brought back a sample of ore from a strike made a few days ago in the Proctor tunnel, 675 feet from the portal and at a vertical depth from the surface of nearly 350 feet. The ore is high-grade chalcocite, similar to what is found in other mines around the head of Mineral and Pinto creeks. The ledge where cut by the tunnel is between two and three feet wide, but Mr. Pemberton did not learn the width of the rich ore streak. This ore is not the main ledge for which the Proctor tunnel is being driven; that is about 150

feet farther ahead. However, the recent strike is important, as it may lead to the opening up of a good-sized ore body.

The Tri-Billion Mining company, of Chicago, developing property in Hawk canyon, on the San Carlos strip, have a small force at work driving a crosscut, which ten days ago was in 450 feet, and the intention being to continue it 150 feet farther. There is a strong ledge on the Tri-Billion property, the ore assaying 45 per cent in lead and carrying good values in copper, gold and silver. The mine is nine miles from San Carlos agency. James Lilly also owns a group of claims in Hawk canyon, in which his sons-in-law, McDonald and Scott of California, are also interested and have recently expended \$2,000 in running a crosscut on the Lilly property. This has been driven 250 feet and will be continued 50 feet farther to cut the lead. The surface showing is fine, the ore carrying a high percentage of copper and from \$5 to \$10 in gold.

The Governor's Report.

Governor Brodie, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior, which has been published, urges that the interior department aid in securing the passage of an enabling act for the admission of Arizona to statehood. He states, however, that the people of the territory would rather forego statehood than accomplish it by union with any other state or territory.

The governor recommends that congress reimburse Pima county for \$318,000 for what the governor calls an injustice committed by congress in passing an act validating certain Pima county narrow gauge railroad bonds after the entire issue of such bonds had been declared by the supreme court of the United States to be invalid and void.

The governor also recommends that the Indian school facilities of Arizona be increased. The total population of the territory is estimated at 155,000.

Louis C. Hill, of the reclamation service, supervising engineer of the Salt river dam and irrigation works, arrived from Phoenix on Tuesday and went out to Salt river this morning. He said there was very little that was new in regard to the project. The drawings and specifications for the power canal have been received, and can be had upon application to Engineer Arthur P. Davis at Phoenix or to Mr. Hill at the reservoir site, the postoffice being Livingston, Arizona. The contracts will probably be let for the construction of the canal in sections of four or five miles, and then, doubtless, sublet. Bids will be received at the department in Washington up to noon of December 8.

W. W. Brookner and J. M. Curnutt returned Monday morning from a trip to the government camp in the Sierra Ancha, where some forty or fifty men are building a road to the site where will be located the sawmill that is to supply the lumber used in the construction of the great Salt river dam. About sixteen miles of road has been built and four miles remain to be completed. It will be a fine mountain road, and will be of great advantage to the residents of the Sierra Ancha and Pleasant valley sections if the county supervisors extend it to Young postoffice, as they will be urged to do. The laborers working on the sawmill are mostly Indians and the W. W. Brookner company runs a supply store at the camp.

The funeral of the late James G. Clark took place last Sunday afternoon from the undertaking parlors of F. L. Jones, the parents of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clark having arrived from San Francisco on the day previous. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Renison, assisted by the Episcopal choir. The attendance was large and the floral offerings profuse. The poignant grief of the stricken parents was affecting and great sympathy was shown for them. The funeral train was made up of a long line of carriages and at the cemetery the ceremony was concluded with appropriate rites.

The Arizona Sand Stone Brick company is meeting with fine success in the new enterprise in this city. Their plant is surpassing the capacity claimed for it, they having turned out as high as 22,000 brick in one day. While these bricks are superior to the old fashioned burnt mud bricks, it is claimed they can be produced at a less cost, and in fact they are being placed in the wall in buildings in this city now for less than the other brick. —Prescott Journal-Miner.

The Uno Animo have large posters out announcing a grand Thanksgiving ball to be given in Odd Fellows hall next Thursday night. The club will do everything possible to insure the success of the affair. The usual admission will be charged.

NEWS BY WIRE FROM PHOENIX

Suit of W. H. Stilwell Against the Old Dominion Copper Company.

LAWYERS THROW BOQUETS

Plaintiff Given Judgment for Half the Sum Sued for. Interest in the Stoddard Case at the Arizona Capital. Conflicting Reports of the Probable Outcome.

SPECIAL TO THE ARIZONA SILVER BELT:

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Nov. 19.—In the suit of W. H. Stilwell against the Old Dominion Copper Mining & Smelting company, tried in the district court here on Tuesday the plaintiff was given a verdict for \$500, which is half of the fee sued for.

Judge Stilwell's claim was for \$1,000 for professional services rendered the company.

No testimony was introduced on the part of the defense. That of the plaintiff consisted of letters and telegrams which passed between himself and Superintendent F. W. Hoar and President C. S. Smith, and including an opinion by the plaintiff of the case of the government against the defendant and the history of the Brookner case [W. W. Brookner & company had the Old Dominion wood contract and the suit was for cutting wood on government land—Editor] in which the plaintiff went to Washington. A letter from President Smith was read in which he stated that no use was made of that opinion, nor of any service of the plaintiff. The Old Dominion company was willing to pay a reasonable fee, but not the amount asked.

There was a hot tilt before the jury between the plaintiff and E. J. Edwards, attorney for the defense. The latter accused plaintiff of unprofessional conduct in the course he had pursued toward the company, and Judge Stilwell roasted Mr. Edwards for his course toward a professional brother, and deprecated Mr. Edwards' general reputation among members of the Arizona bar. The clash between the attorneys, both of whom are widely known in Arizona, created considerable comment.

DECISION HOURLY EXPECTED

President Says Stoddard Case Closed and Taken Under Advisement.

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PHOENIX, ARIZ., Nov. 19.—The decision in the case of Secretary Isaac T. Stoddard, which has been hanging fire for some time, is hourly expected. A late dispatch from Washington says that President Roosevelt has signified that the trial of the secretary is ended and the matter taken under advisement.

The last of the affidavits against Mr. Stoddard were filed on Monday and related to the alleged attempt to bribe Representative N. Gonzales of Apache county, in the legislature. Affidavits also described the buffet said to have been kept by Secretary Stoddard and J. H. Carpenter during the legislative session.

A dispatch from Washington also states that Governor Brodie had written the president recommending the removal of Stoddard and the appointment of another man, presumably G. T. Ryan, of Phoenix. Ryan, who has been a resident of Arizona about a year, is strongly supported by Senators Quay and Penrose of Pennsylvania, and Fairbanks and Beveridge of Indiana.

The latest reports from Washington in regard to the Stoddard case, which are largely conjectural, are conflicting. One report is that Stoddard's removal is certain, while another from a man high in the department, states, that Mr. Stoddard will not be removed—that the influence of the secretary's New York friends is too strong,

NEW PANAMA TREATY SIGNED

It is Said to Give the United States Absolute Control of Canal.

SPECIAL TO THE ARIZONA SILVER BELT:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—The new Panama treaty was signed last night, the Panama commission having arrived here late in the afternoon and the convention for the purpose of signing the treaty taking place at six o'clock.

The text of the treaty has not been given out, but it is known to be much more favorable to the United States than the former treaty, which was rejected by Colombia. It gives the United States absolute control of the canal and undivided jurisdiction over the strip through which the canal will pass.

The treaty is said to also include a provision looking to the extension of the United States' jurisdiction over the entire isthmus.

A DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT

Miss Maud Howard Dangerously Wounded by the Discharge of a Gun.

The distressing accident which happened to Miss Maud Howard last Sunday afternoon is deeply deplored by her many acquaintances, who are earnest in the expression of hope for her ultimate recovery.

Last Sunday Miss Howard, Miss Miriam McNelly and her young brother Richard McNelly, accompanied Prentis and E. A. Nisbet on a drive to Wheatfields in an open carriage. The Nisbet brothers took guns with them and at intervals stopped to shoot at quail and other small game that they chanced to see near the road.

Having eaten their lunch at Wheatfields, they started on the return to town, and when near the old Vineyard place, about ten miles from Globe, the Nisbets both got out of the carriage to shoot some doves. Prentis Nisbet, who occupied the back seat of the carriage, with Miss Howard, returned to the carriage without having fired his gun, and although he had previously removed the cartridge before resuming his seat, he forgot to do so in this instance. The gun was laid across their laps, the muzzle pointing toward the side of the vehicle on which Miss Howard sat. A few minutes after resuming the journey the wheels on the side on which Prentis Nisbet sat dropped into a deep rut, which jolted the gun from his control, and in falling, the hammer of the loaded barrel struck the rim of the carriage box, exploding the cartridge. At the same instant Miss Howard was probably thrown forward by the sudden jolting of the carriage, her head coming in close proximity to the muzzle of the gun and the charge of No. 4 shot grazing the head above the right temple, blowing away a portion of the scalp and fracturing the skull. None of the shot lodged in the head, and the terrible injury was probably caused mainly by the concussion.

Appalled by the accident Miss Howard's companions drove on as rapidly as her condition would permit to Gerald's ranch, hoping to obtain assistance there but none of the family was at home and they were compelled to drive on. About two miles farther on and six miles from Globe they came to the old Horrell ranch house which was tenanted, and fearing that the hemorrhage from the wound might be aggravated if the drive was continued, a stop was made and Miss Howard was made as comfortable as it was possible in the rude habitation. Prentis Nisbet remained with the wounded girl, while the other members of the party hurriedly came to Globe to send back a surgeon and to tell the story of the distressing affair.

The accident happened about 2:30 p. m., and it was twenty minutes to 5 o'clock when the news reached town. Dr. J. D. Bold responded promptly to the call but it was quite dark when he reached Horrell's. There was no lamp or candle on the premises and by the uncertain firelight only a very imperfect examination could be made of Miss Howard's injury. Dr. Bold adopted such measures as was possible for the temporary relief of the patient. On returning next morning he found Miss Howard's condition surprisingly good. Although the injury was extremely dangerous and must have been very painful Miss Howard never lost consciousness and uttered no word of complaint.

On Monday afternoon she was brought to the home of her parents in Globe and later Dr. Bold assisted by Doctors Holt and Maisch performed an operation on the skull. They found a multiple fracture about one inch and one half above and about the same distance in front of the right ear, and

extending backward a straight linear fracture four inches in length. The skull was caved at the fracture and a jagged piece of the bone driven into the frontal lobe of the brain. Three fragments of bone aggregating the size of a silver dollar were removed.

The worst features of the injury are the loss of a portion of the scalp, two by four inches, which was entirely blown away, and the laceration of the brain. Miss Howard has youth and great vitality in her favor. She has never for a moment lost consciousness, except when under the influence of an anæsthetic while the operation was being performed.

Miss Howard is at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howard, and is receiving every possible attention.

H. G. Weatherwax returned last Saturday after a protracted absence in Nevada and California. He spent some time at Tonopah and in prospecting in that immediate section. Tonopah, while not as good as it was is still fairly prosperous. There has been a consolidation of some of the big companies. The camp has suffered from fake mining, and numerous abandoned shafts, from 100 to 1000 feet deep, tell the story of disappointed hopes. Tonopah is sixty miles from a railroad and although a survey for a branch road was long since made, no move has yet been made toward construction, which does not look good. The route as surveyed is over a comparatively level country and cost of construction would be very moderate. Mr. Weatherwax is co-owner with John Glasson in a group of promising copper claims located eight or nine miles northeast of Globe and he has returned with the intention of doing some work on them.

J. D. Houston returned last Sunday from the reservoir site, where he had been to open a barber shop at the new town of Olberg, in partnership with Gus Hadley, whom he left in charge. He says there were six business buildings finished and in course of erection when he left. Livingston's store had been doing business for ten days and a building for a boarding-house was nearly finished. George Sultan and Jack Newman were putting up a store building, and the Hocker brothers a butcher shop. Billy Wilson and his partner, who will engage in the livery business, are building a 50-foot shed stable, a large corral and an office. It will not be long before Olberg is the most important town in the county except Globe.

N. H. Livingston is in town today buying goods for his Salt river stores. He is doing a very fair business at the new town of Olberg. Some time since he bought up all the hay to be had in the valley and he says the supply will not be nearly enough to last until next season. Already Gila valley hay is being hauled to the river from Globe. Last week J. B. Newman bought all of the Dellinger grain which is about three-fourths of all the grain in the valley.

Frank M. Wagon, who was employed at the Harpham camp, on the road being built for the electrical transmission line from the dam to lower Salt river valley, returned to Globe on Tuesday, having accepted the position of deputy sheriff, to take charge of the books and attend to the inside work, for which he is well fitted. He entered upon his duties yesterday.

OLBERG, ON THE RIO SALADO

New Town Well Located. Will be Headquarters During Construction of Dam.

C. R. Olberg, of the United States geological survey, spent Sunday in town. We did not get to see him but understand that he protests against the new town at the Salt river reservoir being called after him. C. R. is too modest by far, and we think his protest comes too late.

The town is located three-quarters of a mile above the damsite, and about as convenient to the proposed works and construction camps as could be selected. Some 400 yards distant is the site for the cement mill where a gang of men is now excavating for the foundation. Botticher's wood camp is 200 yards away, and the camp of the geological survey about 400 yards. Rube Harpham and his force, working on the road for the transmission line to Mesa, are located about one and a half miles below in the box canyon, and Fitzgerald's camp is still farther down the river.

If some of the Phoenix enthusiasts would visit the box and see the character of the work being done to make it possible to construct the transmission line, we think their hearts would fall them on the wagon road proposition. The excavating is nearly all in solid rock and very slow and expensive.

Now that the town of Olberg has been fairly launched, steps will doubtless be taken to secure a postoffice, and a petition should also be sent in for daily mail service from Globe.